GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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COMMERCIAL UTILISATION OF RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an autonomous body-Indian RaiwlayProperty Development Authority for the commercial utilisation/development of the Railway land;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposed authority is likely to be set up;

(c) whether the Government have also made any assessment about the lying unused or under unauthorise encroachment:

(d) if so, details thereof, separately State-wise; and

(e) steps taken to vacate the encroached land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Railways propose to set up Indian Railways Land, Air − Space andProperty Development Authority (IRLAPDA) for commercial utilisation/development of the railway land.

(b) The proposed Authority would be a separate entity under the Ministry of Railways. The Authority will work to develop the land and properties in accordance with the directions given by the Ministry from time to time. A drat Act of the proposed Authority has been prepared and sent to concerned Ministries for comments. On receipt of comments, the proposal will be submitted for consideration of Cabinet.

(c) To (e) At present approximately 0.18 lakh hectares of Railway land are vacantand another 0.02 lakh hectares are under encroachments. Separate State-wise data are not maintained, railways maintain such data Zone-wise. The vacant land is required by Railways for their operational and maintenance requirements as well as for future developmental works. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to free their land of encraochments as per provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 and the Railways Act, 1989.